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SUBJECT: HASSAN DISTURBED BY QADDAFI INTERVIEW

1. MFA SECSTATE CHERKAOUI CALLED ME IN TODAY TO CALL OUR  
ATTENTION TO QADDAFI'S JULY 15 INTERVIEW WITH REUTERS AND  
TO PASS ON KING HASSAN'S CONCERN OVER ITS REFERENCES TO  
SAHARA. KING CONSIDERS QADDAFI'S EFFORT TO MISLEAD PUBLIC  
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OPINION ON LIBYA'S INVOLVEMENT DELIBERATELY MASKS MORE

SINISTER LIBYAN AND ALGERIAN INTENTIONS.

2. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF PERTINENT PORTION OF FRENCH TEXT OF REUTERS ACCOUNT FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT: LIBYA, HE CONTINUES, CAN ONLY IN ANY CASE GIVE MORAL SUPPORT TO ARAB PEOPLES WHO STAND UP TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS. HE AFFIRMS IN THIS CONNECTION THAT LIBYA IS NO LONGER FURNISHING MILITARY AID TO THE SAHRAOUI GUERILLAS OF THE POLISARIO FRONT. QUOTE WHEN THE SPANISH STILL ADMINISTERED THE REGION, WE SENT SOME ARMS. PERHAPS NOW THE ALGERIANS HAVE TAKEN OUR PLACE, END QUOTE HE ADDS, NOTING THAT LIBYA IS SENDING THE POLISARIO ONLY TENTS, FOODSTUFFS, MEDICINES AND WATER. ASKED ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE CONFLICT, COLONEL QADDAFI STATES: QUOTE ONE THING IS SURE: MOROCCO WILL BE BLED BY THIS WAR AND BY BLED I MEAN THAT IT WILL BE BLED WHITE...PERHAPS THAT WILL LEAD, IN THE FUTURE, TO A WAR BETWEEN MOROCCO AND ALGERIA. END QUOTE. THE LIBYAN CHIEF OF STATE CONSIDERS IT QUOTE VERY IMPROBABLE END QUOTE THAT HIS COUNTRY WILL BE DRAWN INTO SUCH A CONFLICT. END TEXT

3. IN MORE GENERAL COMMENTS, CHERKAOUI NOTED THAT DIFFICULT MONTHS LIE AHEAD, ALTHOUGH COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED MEETING WILL BE EASIER FOR MOROCCO THAN OAU CONCLAVE AT PORT LOUIS GIVEN DESIRE FOR CONSENSUS APPROACH BY INDIA, INDONESIA, AND YUGOSLAVIA. FINALLY, CHERKAOUI MENTIONED THAT MOROCCO WILL AWAIT REACTIONS OF ALL OTHER OAU MEMBERS TO OAU SECRETARY GENERAL'S SOUNDINGS ON DATE, VENUE AND PARTICIPATING OF EXTRA-ORDINARY SUMMIT SESSION ON SAHARA. HE SUGGESTED MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA COULD AND WOULD STRING PRELIMINARIES OUT INDEFINITELY.

4. COMMENT: KING'S REACTION TO ADMITTEDLY STRONGER-THAN-USUAL QADDAFI REMARKS IS SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL, INDICATING NERVOUSNESS HERE. WE ARE OTHERWISE AS LOSS TO EXPLAIN DEMARCHE UNLESS MOROCCANS BUILDING UP A CASE FOR THEIR OWN SUBSEQUENT MOVES. END COMMENT.  
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